Prayer Letter September 2023



Theological Training in Africa for Africa

- 1st Pray for the SRC elections on 1st September and commit the incoming team to God. Give thanks for those who have served their term so faithfully in the 2022/2023 year.
- 2nd The selection conference has taken place for those in the REACH SA denomination. Pray for God's guidance as they accept offers and for those outside of REACH, for God's guidance in what is next.
- **3rd** Praise the Lord, in answer to prayer Mike and Karen Roe, and family, have been granted South African visas. God willing, they will return to GWC next year.
- 4th TALHITE is a three-phase introductory course in teaching and learning for higher theological education in Africa. Pray for Drs Richard and Caroline Seed and Karen Roe as they present the final TALHITE phase for GWC alumni, commencing today for fruitful training sessions.
- **5**th Thank God for GWC's relationship with other colleges that GWC faculty can assist them through lecturing and in other ways.
- **6**th As the GWC Executive Team is in the process of planning and forecasting for 2024, pray that the Lord will grant them wisdom as the college strategy is incorporated into the 2024 operational planning.
- **7th** GWC past student, Chaka Mhlanga, Pastor of United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe, requests prayer for wisdom and strength to grow the church numerically and spiritually and for God to provide resources to advance the Gospel.
- 8th The deadline for international student applications for 2024 is 15th September, and 20th October for local students. Pray that the Lord will raise up the right students to study at GWC in 2024.
- 9th Give thanks for Nevil Carrington and Isaac Chiumia's successful training sessions in Madagascar. There were 61 men and women eager to know more about God. Give thanks for the interpreter and translation team who made training possible. Pray that Explore will grow in Madagascar. 10th Pray for Alison Lee and Mark Dickson as they travel to KwaZulu-Natal to visit churches and local ministries to
- 11th GWC past student, Joseph Adida, Chaplain at ACT Mara, Issenye Secondary School and Provincial Christian Education Coordinator for the Anglican Church of Tanzania, requests prayer for God to use him and give him strength for all his duties.

observe the training needs and how GWC can assist.

- 12th Pray for Principal, Mark Dickson and the GWC team as they attend the REACH SA Synod from 11th-13th September at Christ Church Umhlanga, for a good connection with the ministers who are present and constructive training-needs discussions.
- 13th Please pray for perseverance and energy for White Zibophe and Thapelo Khumalo as they finish their Ph.D. studies.
- 14th Give thanks for Danielle Nel's fruitful trip to Botswana. She visited several Explore groups and was able to assist with teaching and training, giving her the opportunity to further explain Biblical Theology to prison inmates who struggle to understand it. Pray that her insights will help them to better grasp the Explore material and investigate the Bible for themselves.
- **15**th Pray for Mark Dickson as he works with Alison Lee to build relationships with potential donors and fulfils his role as Principal of the college.

- 16th GWC past student, Alex Sserwadda, pastors 5 churches in the Mityana Diocese, lectures at Uganda Martyrs Seminary and is busy with his master's in theology at South African Theological Seminary. Pray for stamina as Alex fulfils all his roles.
- 17th Pray for Nevil Carrington and Saralee Molodi as they continue to seek people to take over Explore activities in Uganda that they will have discernment and wisdom as they speak to different people and plan a way forward.
- **18**th GWC past student, Zekies Simango, lecturer and Academic Dean at Rusitu Bible College in Zimbabwe praises the Lord for the successful registration of the college with the government in 2022. Therefore, the college can now offer accredited programmes.
- 19th Pray that the Lord will bless faculty members, Ikho Poswayo and Niki Hodson, as they study and teach while also fulfilling their respective roles in faculty and that God will use them greatly in the lives of the students.
- **20**th As the third-year students start their final term at college, pray for God's grace to persevere and for them to find joy in their tasks.
- **21**st Pray for an increase in the number of students enrolling for the Higher Certificate course in 2024.
- 22nd Pray for Explore in West Africa and Mozambique. There are many unknowns and a slowing in Explore activities. Pray that God will strengthen the facilitators in these regions for this work and that they and their students will have a renewed commitment not only to Explore but also to their growth as Christians.
- 23rd Pray for the Bursary Committee as they assess and award bursary support to students for 2023 and assess upcoming bursary support for 2024 that God will give them wisdom and discernment.
- **24**th GWC past student Mensah Ameyaw, Pastor at Redeemer City Church, Accra in Ghana and Student Worker at Relite Africa Ministry, requests prayer that he will have a shepherding heart to care for those he ministers to.
- 25th Vice-Principal Jonathan More is spearheading the development of the online Higher Certificate course, he is also currently writing a review for a classical periodical on a book based on the PhD of another great writer. Thank God for Jonathan's hard work and pray for his stamina.
- **26**th Pray for the Honours students as they prepare to give their oral at the end of September for consistent preparation and good time management in the face of other commitments.
- 27th Praise God for the substantial growth of Explore in Kenya. The rate at which students are enrolling for courses and writing exams was unforeseen. Pray for stamina for Misheck Mbevi and the Explore team as they take on the work ahead. Pray that the growth in Kenya may not just be in numbers, but also in maturity.
- 28th Pray for the Lord's help in raising operational funding for 2023 that GWC might end the year without a deficit.
 29th Pray for the registry department as they process student applications for 2024, and for the applicants as they prepare to study at GWC in 2024.
- **30th** Pray for the student community at GWC. For fruitful and lasting relationships, and for deep and meaningful interaction between students and staff/faculty that make for an even greater learning environment.